

**REMARKS**

In the Decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, the Board upholds the rejections of claims 1-29 and reverses the Examiner with respect to the rejection of claim 30.

By way of the present amendment, Applicants cancel claims 1-27 and 30 without prejudice or disclaimer and amend claim 28 to include the subject matter of claim 30. No new matter has been added by way of the present amendment. Claims 28 and 29 are pending and are in condition for immediate allowance.

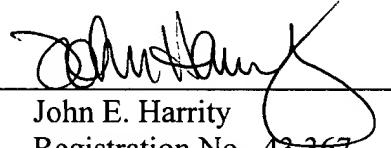
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 13-2491 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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